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**INAUGURATION OF GOV. FRANK O. LOWDEN AND
 THE OTHER NEWLY-ELECTED STATE
 OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS.**

On Monday, January 8, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. David E. Shanahan, called that body to order in the House chamber in the Capitol building, and it was soon announced that the Senate was at the door. This honorable body was admitted, and the roll of the Senate was called and it was reported that a quorum was present. The roll of the House of Representatives was called and there being a quorum present, the General Assembly was declared in joint session, Speaker Shanahan presiding. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Charles C. Craig to:

Frank O. Lowden, Governor, succeeding Edward F. Dunne.

John G. Oglesby, Lieutenant Governor, succeeding Barratt O'Hara.

Louis L. Emmerson, Secretary of State, succeeding Lewis G. Stevenson.

Andrew Russel, State Auditor, succeeding James J. Brady.

Len Small, State Treasurer, succeeding Andrew Russel.

Edward J. Brundage, Attorney General, succeeding Patrick J. Lucey.

There was a very large audience to witness the ceremonies.

Seated on the platform were the newly-elected officers and the retiring State officers and their families: Mrs. Lowden and her four children, Pullman Lowden and the Misses Florence, Harriet and Frances Lowden, Mrs. George M. Pullman, the mother of Mrs. Lowden, and Miss Isabel Lowden, sister of Governor Lowden. Mrs. Dunne was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Geraldine Dunne, the other members of Governor Dunne's family having already gone to Chicago, which is their home city.

In addition to the State officials and their families, and the members of the Inaugural committees of the House and Senate and their families were former Governor Richard Yates and his daughter, Miss Dorothy Yates, former Governor Charles S. Deneen, and the widows of three former Governors of the State: Mrs. John M. Palmer, Mrs. Richard J. Oglesby, Mrs. John R. Tanner, and many other prominent Illinoisans who were invited guests.

Speaker Shanahan, in introducing Governor Dunne, referred to the cordial relations which had existed between the Governor and the General Assembly and paid a high tribute to the social graces and splendid domestic virtues of Mrs. Dunne and her family, which he declared were admired by all the people of the State.

Governor Dunne made a brief address reviewing the work of his administration and bidding his successor welcome and extending to him his best wishes.

Governor Lowden, on assuming the high office of Governor of the great State of Illinois, delivered a masterly address, outlining to a certain extent his proposed policy with special reference to the plans for the consolidation of many departments of the State government under a new administrative

code. This address received the closest attention from the audience and was warmly applauded.

Governor Lowden and his family took immediate possession of the executive mansion, and Governor and Mrs. Dunne took an afternoon train to Chicago.

Preceding the inaugural ceremonies at the Capitol there was a military parade, in which units of the Illinois National Guard and the Illinois Naval Reserve, took part.

FORMER ILLINOISAN TO BE A SPEAKER AT THE LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY BANQUET.

One of the principal speakers at the annual banquet to be given in Springfield by the Lincoln Centennial Association on Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1917, will be a former Sangamon County, Illinois boy, now United States Senator Thomas Sterling, of South Dakota. Mr. Sterling practiced law in Springfield before going to South Dakota. Senator Sterling will speak on Lincoln the Man, and His Achievements. It is expected that President John Greer Hibben of Princeton University will also attend the banquet and deliver an address, the title of which is announced as, "The Spirit of Lincoln in the Present World Crisis." Governor Frank O. Lowden has been invited to act as toastmaster at the banquet.

THE ILLINOIS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

The Illinois Centennial Commission is hard at work on the plans for the Centennial celebration.

The first, or preliminary, volume of the Centennial Memorial History entitled, "Illinois in 1818," compiled by Prof. Solon J. Buck, now director of the Minnesota Historical Society, will soon be ready for distribution.

The city of Springfield is preparing to make improvements in order that the capital city shall present a good appearance during the Centennial year.

The State Board of Agriculture is making plans for a great Centennial Fair and Exposition. Mr. William Dodd Chenery of Springfield has suggested that the churches and fraternal organizations throughout the State organize choruses and plan for and practice community singing. This will

be of great service in the production of pageants or other celebrations during the Centennial year. Several counties have formed Centennial associations.

THE NINETY-EIGHTH BIRTHDAY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS OBSERVED BY THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

On December 7, 1916, as December 3, Illinois Day, fell on Sunday, the Historical Society, as is its custom, held a special meeting in the Senate Chamber in the State House. An address on "The Log Cabin Period" was delivered by Gov. Elliott W. Major, of Missouri. The address was replete with interesting anecdotes of pioneer days in the West, especially in Missouri, and was greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, the President of the Historical Society, called the meeting to order and introduced Gov. Edward F. Dunne, who then took charge of the meeting and introduced Governor Major.

Preceding the meeting, Governor and Mrs. Dunne entertained at dinner at the executive mansion Governor Major and the officers of the Historical Society.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The fortieth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Historical Society was held Thursday, January 17, 1917, in the Temple building, Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. S. C. Bassett of Gibbon was elected president of the Society, succeeding Mr. John Lee Webster of Omaha, who declined reelection. Resolutions were passed thanking Mr. Webster for his faithful and valuable services to the Society and requesting him to serve as master of ceremonies during the semicentennial exercises of the State of Nebraska to be held in June.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, C. S. Bassett, Gibbon; first vice president, Don L. Love, Lincoln; second vice president, Robert Harvey, Lincoln; secretary, A. E. Sheldon, Lincoln; treasurer, Dr. P. L. Hall. W. E. Hardy and N. Z. Snell of Lincoln were elected members of the board of directors to fill vacancies.

John L. Webster paid a tribute to the memory of the deceased secretary of the Society, C. S. Paine. He said that Mr. Paine was a man of great ability and enthusiasm and deeply interested in his chosen work. He referred to the services of Mr. Paine in pushing the celebration of the semi-centennial of Nebraska. He declared that he had a deep and wide knowledge of the state and knew how to get good historical material.

C. S. Bassett, the new president of the society, is one of the leading farmers and dairymen of Nebraska and a well known writer on agricultural subjects. He was president of the State Dairymen's Association and a member of the State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Bassett has been long interested in the historical society and has written much of the local history of Buffalo county.

Lieutenant Governor Howard gave an original word picture "Nebraska Sunset," dedicated to the Nebraska State Historical Society.

LAST WITNESS IN FAMOUS LINCOLN CASE DIES, AGE 88 YEARS.

James Milton Davis, said to be the last surviving witness in the famous Armstrong-Metzker, or moonlight murder case, died at Mason City, Illinois, January 17, 1917, aged 88 years. In the trial of the case, Abraham Lincoln, a young and untried lawyer then, represented the defendant, Armstrong, who was alleged to have killed Metzker on a moonlight night. Lincoln let the prosecutor build an elaborate case with the moonlight in the foreground, then produced an almanac, proved there was no moon on the night in question, and the jury freed his client. This case added greatly to the reputation of Mr. Lincoln as a lawyer.

Mr. Davis was born in Jackson County, Ohio, and came to Illinois in March, 1850, settling at Mason City. He was married October 24, 1850, to Lucinda Halley. Six children were born to the union and two survive. They are Mrs. Dora Seourd, of Mason City and Mrs. Harriet Kirtley, of Peoria.

Mr. Davis was a member of the Baptist church. He had been truant officer in the Mason City schools for nine years.

A LIST

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